

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: BREEDVELD et al.

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For: INSTRUMENT FOR FINE-MECHANICAL OR SURGICAL
APPLICATIONS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This response is in reply to an election of species requirement set forth in the Office Action dated March 31, 2011, in the above-identified application, with a one month shortened statutory period, making a response due on or before April 30, 2011. Applicant respectfully requests a one month extension of time and authorization is given to charge the appropriate fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner has issued an election of species requirement and asserts that the application contains the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: